

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: Cal Poly Pomona
College of Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2007

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, June 27, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Helen Lopez, Executive Director. A quorum was present.

Present:

Ashley Boren	Wayne Bidlack	Drue Brown
William Moncovich	Al Montna	Karen Ross
Ann Bacchetti-Silva		

Absent:

Donald Bransford	Tom Deardorff	Luawanna Hallstrom
Craig McNamara	Marvin Meyers	Adan Ortega

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 23, 2007

MOTION: Board Member Wayne Bidlack moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ashley Boren and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Upon President Montna's request, Secretary Kawamura provided an update on the Williamson Act. He also presented a letter signed by the four governors of New York, Florida, Texas, and California and addressed to the agriculture leadership in congress urging support for various priorities in the 2007 Farm Bill.

(5) OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Ann Silva provided an update on the Blue Ribbon Task Force. The name of this committee was changed to the Quota Review Committee.

MOTION: Board member Karen Ross moved to approve the proclamation for former board member Charlie Crabb. The motion was seconded by Board member Drue Brown.

President Montna assigned Board Member Drue Brown to develop a draft proclamation for former board member Niaz Mohammed and Board Member Donald Bransford to draft a proclamation for Charlie Hoppin.

(6) PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Bidlack provided opening remarks and introduced the following speakers.

Panel 1 – Future Technology for Agriculture

Michael Riebel, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. Geography & Anthropology, CSU Pomona – Overview: Improved Technology and How it Works

Bo Shropshire, Pest Control Advisor, Helena Chemical – Application to Farm Practice in the Imperial and Central Valley

Doug Lewis, PhD, Chairman, Dept. Human Nutrition & Food Sciences, CSU Pomona – Food Security: GIS Approach in Community Nutrition

Sowyma Mitra, PhD, Professor, Dept. Plant Sciences, CSU Pomona – Application for Spatial Analysis of Heavy Metal Contamination in an Urban Environment

Panel 2 – Environmentally Controlled Agriculture

Dickson D. Despommier, PhD, Professor, Medical Ecology, Columbia University – Future Farms: Vertical Farms

Gene Giacomelli, PhD, Professor/Director, Dept. Agriculture & Biosystems Engineering, University of Arizona – Greenhouse Farming: Controlled Environment Agriculture

Panel 3 – The Regulation of Gene Expression in Agriculture and Human Health

Martin Lemon, PhD, Technical Development Manager, Monsanto Corporation – Enhanced Role of Biotechnology

David W. Still, PhD, Professor, Dept. Plant Sciences, CSU Pomona – New Biotechnology Applications

Marie Caudill, PhD, Professor, Dept. Human Nutrition & Food Sciences, CSU Pomona – Personalized Nutrition: Nutrition Genomics as a Potential Tool for Targeted Medical Nutrition Therapy

(All presentations and statements provided by the speakers are attached for further details.)

(7) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(8) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 P.M.